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REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 12-21 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of copending Application No. 09/705,678. The applicants will file a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the provisional rejection.

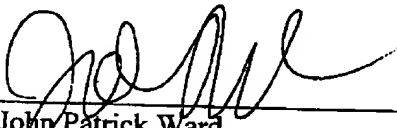
Claim 19 has been amended to clarify what the counter is counting.

The applicants therefore respectfully request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Please charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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